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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **Wednesday, June 14, 2006 / 12 PM**
Date/Time of Occurrence: **Wednesday, June 14, 2006 / 8 AM**
Nature of Call: **Marijuana Garden Eradication**
Location of Call: **Gas Canyon Area**
Case Number:
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Acting on an anonymous tip, Placer County Sheriff's Investigators and the Special Enforcement Team (SET) conducted an early morning raid on a marijuana garden.



The garden, located in the Gas Canyon area between Auburn and Foresthill, was on U.S. Forest Service public lands. Over 17,000 plants ranging in size from 6 inches to 2 feet tall were removed by investigators. One subject carrying a rifle fled from the scene on foot. Deputies gave chase but lost him near the river. It is believed that the garden was tended by at least two workers and investigators recovered one rifle at the scene.

The public is urged to use caution when venturing off marked trails while hiking in the wilderness. As this case demonstrates, marijuana growers are often armed and pose a real threat if a citizen should unwittingly come across a marijuana garden.